

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for authenticating a device connecting to a first network, comprising:

~~determining if said device previously connected~~ evaluating a history of one or more previously terminated connections of said device to at least one other network;

~~evaluating an integrity of data content of said device based on said history whether said device previously connected to at least one other network;~~ and

providing a result of said evaluation.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of determining if said device connected to at least one untrusted network.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of determining if said device connected to at least one unknown network.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of determining if a token on said device has been altered.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises the step of logging an address of each network that said device accessed.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a scope of said evaluating step is based on properties of said at least one other network.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a scope of said evaluating step is based on one or more defined content authentication rules.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said evaluating step further comprises the step of performing a virus scan.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for authenticating a device connecting to a first network, comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

~~determine if said device previously connected~~ evaluate a history of one or more previously terminated connections of said device to at least one other network;

evaluate an integrity of data content of said device based on said history ~~whether said device previously connected to at least one other network~~; and

provide a result of said evaluation.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processor is further configured to determine if a token on said device has been altered.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processor is further configured to evaluate a log of addresses of each network that said device accessed.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein a scope of said evaluating step is based on properties of said at least one other network.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said processor is further configured to control a scope of said evaluation based on one or more defined content authentication rules.

14-23 (Cancelled).